



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 181**

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House Bill No. 6356

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2011*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF SOCIAL SERVICES' REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE  
REGARDING REPAYMENT OF SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-77 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall notify each applicant  
5 for aid under the state supplement program, medical assistance  
6 program, temporary family assistance program and state-administered  
7 general assistance program [and each person who may be liable for  
8 repayment of such aid, if known,] of the provisions of sections 17b-93  
9 to 17b-97, inclusive, in general terms, at the time of application for  
10 such aid. [or, in the case of a person who may be liable for repayment  
11 of such aid] The commissioner shall notify each person who may be  
12 liable for repayment of such aid, if known, of the provisions of sections  
13 17b-93 to 17b-97, inclusive, in general terms, not later than thirty days

14 after the applicant is determined to be eligible for such aid or, if not  
15 known at the time the applicant is determined to be eligible for such  
16 aid, the department shall give such notice not later than thirty days  
17 after the date on which the commissioner identifies such person as one  
18 who may be liable for repayment of such aid. The notice shall be (1)  
19 written in plain language, (2) in an easily readable and understandable  
20 format, and (3) whenever possible, in the first language of the  
21 applicant or person who may be liable for repayment of such aid.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2011	17b-77(b)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill clarifies the Department of Social Service's notification requirements concerning legally liable relatives. There is no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6356*****AN ACT CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE REGARDING REPAYMENT OF SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill fills a gap in the Department of Social Services' (DSS) obligation to inform potentially legally liable parties of their responsibility to repay the state for assistance benefits received by another person, often a spouse or child. Currently, DSS must give notice to those who may be legally liable within 30 days of the public assistance being awarded. Under the bill, in addition, when DSS learns the whereabouts of another potentially liable person, the department must give him or her notice within 30 days of discovery.

The repayment obligation applies to state supplement, medical assistance, Temporary Family Assistance (cash welfare), and state-administered general assistance programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18      Nay 0      (03/10/2011)